

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Letters Patent of:
Temple et al.

Patent No.: 6,959,471

Issued: November 1, 2005

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A DROPLET
DEPOSITION APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL OF LETTERS PATENT TO APPLICANT

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through there undersigned attorney, hereby request the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") to provide an original ribbon copy of the above-identified patent to the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated address.

The above-identified U.S. patent issued on November 1, 2005, and was prosecuted by the undersigned attorney and the law firm identified below. However, the undersigned law firm was never advised of the issuance of the patent, which was only recently discovered.

A search of our file and our database reveals that the ribbon original patent has not been received.

A review of the PAIR data base indicates that the PTO forwarded the original patent to IBM Corporation, Intellectual Property Law Department, 11400 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758.

Attached are copies of the issue notification and artifact sheet. The issue notification is addressed to and appears to have been received by IBM Corporation in Austin Texas, as

indicated by the October 18, 2005, date stamp appearing thereon.

The presence of the date stamped issue notification in the file of the patent appears indicate that the issue notification was returned to the PTO and the "artifact sheet" in the file suggests that the original granted patent may have been returned by the IBM Corporation to the PTO.

The undersigned attorney spoke by telephone with Mr. John Flynn of IBM's Intellectual Property Law Department in Austin, Texas on February 19, 2007, and was informed by Mr. Flynn that IBM records do not reflect whether the patent was received. Mr. Flynn further indicated that if a misaddressed patent had been received by IBM, it would have been returned to the PTO in the normal course of business.

It is requested that the appropriate official at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office inspect the file to determine whether the ribbon patent grant is present in the file and, if so, that the patent grant be forwarded to the undersigned.

In the alternative, it is requested that a duplicate original of the original ribbon patent grant be prepared and forwarded to the undersigned. Under the circumstances, given the PTO error in misdirecting the patent to a third party, it is not believed that a fee is called for.

Should the reviewing officer wish to discuss the foregoing, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

February 22, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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